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August 21, 2015 3:00 p.m. Prairie Fire Update

Tennant, CA – Initial attack fire fighting forces and reinforcements have completed containment line around the Prairie Fire in the LaHonda Well area northeast of the community of Tennant. Today firefighters are mopping up hot spots inside the perimeter and about a dozen spot fires outside the line.

The Prairie Fire, reported at approximately 4:00 p.m. yesterday quickly grew to 69 acres due to active spotting, high winds, and poor visibility. Today's acreage is lower than yesterday's estimate of 100 acres due to better mapping.

Thanks to the excellent work of firefighters from the Klamath and Shasta-Trinity, Mendocino and Plumas National Forests, CAL FIRE, Pleasant Valley, South Yreka, Hammond Ranch, Mt Shasta City, Mt Shasta District, Dunsmuir, and Butte Valley Fire Departments as well as Contract Crews and equipment the Prairie Fire will not be added to the number of large fires burning across California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The cause of the Prairie Fire is under investigation. With the extreme conditions and large number of firefighting resources already committed to other fires throughout the American West Klamath National Forest Supervisor Patricia Grantham remarked "It is a great reminder of how tough conditions are right now and that we need to do everything possible to prevent human-caused fire starts. Keep passing the word on *one less spark, one less wildfire*".

Every preventable wildfire puts fire fighters and the public at risk and reduces the response capability of fire departments to respond to the next fire. To find out more about what you can do to prevent human caused, unwanted wildfires, please go to www.preventwildfireca.org.

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